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SUBJECT: PRIMIN STATEMENT AT ACP/EEC MEETING

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PRIMIN LEABUA JONATHAN WAS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT OPENING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE ACP/EEC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 28. SIX PAGES OF SPEECH WERE DEVOTED TO CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID, BOER LEADERSHIP IN SOUTH AFRICA, MISTREATMENT OF BASOTHO IN RSA AND VULNERABLE SITUATION OF LESOTHO IN CONFRONTATION WITH SAG. THREE PAGES OF TEXT DEVOTED TO LOME CONVENTION AND OPENING AND CLOSING COMMENTS. SEE COMMENTS PARA 5. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIMIN'S COMMENTS ON LOME AGREEMENT. REFERRING TO DISPARITIES BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLDS AND NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO FIND APPROPRIATE REMEDIES TO PROBLEMS OF UNDER-DEVELOPMENT, PRIMIN REFERRED TO LOME CONVENTION AS "MILESTONE... INNOVATIVE INSTRUMENT FOR CREATING A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES...INSTRUMENT FOR FOSTERING A

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NEW SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP". HE ASKED JOINT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS ARISING OUT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF LOME CONVENTION, STABEX AND FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF LOME SIGNATORIES. HE SAID LOME CONVENTION HAD PROVIDED LESOTHO OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND PROBLEM OF EEC PARTNERS AND LIMITATIONS OF THEIR ABILITY TO RESPOND TO DEMANDS OF ACP. HE COMMENDED EEC PARTNERS FOR CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, MARKETS FOR PRODUCTS AND

ASSISTANCE IN PROMOTION OF TRADE WITH EC. HE PARTICULARLY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE MADE ON SALE OF LESOTHO WOOL AND MOHAIR PRODUCTS WITHIN EEC MARKETS. SAID LESOTHO HOPED TO BENEFIT FROM STABEX FOR THESE TWO PRODUCTS. PRIMIN SAID FIJI MEETING OF ACP/EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD HIGHLIGHTED "CERTAIN VEXING PROBLEMS THAT THE ACP STATES ENCOUNTERED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOME CONVENTION ... EROSION OF ABILITY OF THE ACP TO BENEFIT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION REGARDING ACCESS TO THE MARKETS OF THE EEC AS A RESULT OF COMPETING ARRANGEMENTS THAT THE EEC HAS RECENTLY ENTERED INTO WITH NON-ACP STATES". PRIMIN SAID EH WAS ALSO AWARE OF CONCERN OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF EC FOR NEED FOR JOINT STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NEXT NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF LOME CONVENTION. THESE CONCERNS, HE CONTINUED, WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXAMINED BY ACP/EEC STATES. FOLLOWING LENGTHY DIVERSION ON SUBJECT OF SOUTH AFRICA, PRIMIN RETURNED BRIEFLY TO ACP/EEC AT CONCLUSION OF STATEMENT. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF EFFORTS OF SOME EEC MEMBERS IN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND OF PRONOUNCEMENTS OF EEC, AS A BODY, ON VEXING QUESTIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE TOOK NOTE OF CODE OF CONDUCT THAT EEC HAS ADOPTED REGARDING COMPANIES FROM EEC COUNTRIES OPERATING IN SOUTH AFRICA ADDING THIS IS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION AND EVIDENCE OF GROWING SOLIDARITY BETWEEN ACP AND EEC COUNTRIES. HE HOPED SOLIDARITY WOULD FIND EXPRESSION IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS BRIDGING GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING WORLD AND IN TRANSLATING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ON BASIS OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS.

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3. COMMENTS ON SOUTH AFRICA. BODY OF PRIMIN'S STATEMENT WAS LENGTHY NIN-POINT DISCOURSE ON PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA IN PARTICULAR. STATING THAT PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ARE "DIRECT THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY" LEADING TO "DARK ABYSS OF A RACIAL HOLOCAUST (AND) LOSS FOREVER OF THE PROMISE OF RACIAL HARMONY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD". PRIMIN SAID, "APARTHEID, BAASKAP, RACISM AND WHITE MINORITY RULE" ARE CAUSE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. HE CITED LONG LIST OF SOUTH AFRICAN INJUSTICES AND CRIES FOR REDRESS IN RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. HE SPECIFICALLY CONDEMNED THE BOERS AS APOSTLES OF APARTHEID SAYING AFRIKANNERS HAVE ALWAYS PERCEIVED THEMSELVES FROM EARLIEST DAYS AS "A CHOSEN RACE" AND THAT EVEN TODAY THEY INVOKE RELIGION AS JUSTIFICATION FOR SAVAGE REPRESSION OF MAJORITY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE COURAGEOUS ATTEMPT OF A FEW BOERS WHO HAVE JOINED IN HARD TASK OF DISMANTLING "BASTILLE OF APARTHEID" AND SAID THEIR SACRIFICES ARE RECOGNIZED. PRIMIN SAID NO AFRICAN LEADER ADVOCATES PUSHING WHITES INTO THE SEA. THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT THIS WILL NOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MAJORITY. OF THE WHITE MINORITIES, HE SAID, WE ASK FOR THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE EVIL OF APARTHEID AND RACISM AND NEED FOR ALL RACES TO SHARE DIGNITY AND RESPECT OF HUMAN WORTH.

4. PRIMIN DESCRIBED HOW SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION IMPINGES ON  
LESOTHO AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST, LESOTHO/BOTSWANA/SWAZILAND--NON-RACIAL SOCIETIES IN WHICH  
ALL RACES LIVE IN HARMONY -- ARE PROOF OF HOLLOWNESS OF  
JUSTIFICATIONS OF APARTHEID. SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE TO CHALLENGE  
OF EXISTENCE OF NON-RACIAL STATES HAS BEEN TO TURN AWAY FROM  
RACIAL HARMONY AND NEIGHBORLINESS AND TO REJECT ANY REASONABLE  
BASIS FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

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SECOND, SOUTH AFRICA IS STRIPPING MILLIONS OF AFRICANS OF THEIR  
SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP, AS A RESULT OF INFAMOUS BARGAINS  
STRUCK WITH BANTUSTAN LEADERS TO CREATE THANSKEI AND BOPHUTHAT-  
SWANA. HE SAID TREACHEROUS BARGAINS WITH MATANZIMA AND MANGOPE ARE  
IN VIOLATION OF UNGA RES 31/6 AND SC RES 402. FOR LESOTHO,  
DANGERS ARE REAL, AS REFLECTED IN UNSC DEBATE LEADING TO  
ADOPTION OF COUNCIL RESES 402 AND 407. PRIMIN EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION FOR GENEROUS RESPONSE OF EC TO THESE RESOLUTIONS AND  
UNSYG APPEAL ON BASIS OF FARAH MISSION REPORT. HE ALSO EXPRESSED  
APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM USA AND AFRICAN SISTER  
STATES AND ATTACHED PARTICULAR VALUE TO ASSISTANCE LESOTHO HAS  
RECEIVED FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION (I.E. INTER ALIA U.S. COMMITMENT  
ON MOHALE'S HOEK-MPITI ROAD), INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND FOOD  
SUPPLIES. HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION EC POSITION ON NON-RECOGNITION

OF BANTUSTANS AND SAID GOL WILL CONTINUE TO COUNT ON SUPPORT AS MORE AND MORE OF THESE "BOGUS STATES ARE CREATED AROUND US IN AN EFFORT TO STRANGULATE US".

THIRD, THROUGH A SERIES OF INEQUITABLE TREATIES, PART OF LESOTHO'S UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRITORY WAS CEDED TO SOUTH AFRICA BY FORMER COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION. RECOGNIZING THERE WAS NO PROPER DELINEATION OF BOUNDARIES, SAG PROPOSED CREATION OF JOINT BOUNDARY COMMISSION TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES. LESOTHO ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL BUT SOUTH AFRICA HAS RENEGED ON HER PROPOSAL. LESOTHO, HE SAID, WOULD CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE FOR SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTION OF THESE LANDS BY ARBITRATION OR OTHER JUDICIAL PROCESS. IF PRESENT STALEMATE IN NEGOTIATIONS IS NOT BROKEN, GOL WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR SUPPORT.

FOURTH, IN REFERENCE TO CHILDREN OF SOWETO, PRIMIN SAID LESOTHO IS PROVIDING PLACES OF SOME OF THESE WHO FLED DESPITE THE FACT THAT LESOTHO SCHOOL SYSTEM IS BURSTING AT THE SEAMS. HE APPEALED ONCE MORE TO EEC AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE GRAVE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH WITH GENEROSITY. HE SAID LESOTHO CANNOT INDEFINITELY CARRY THIS RESPONSIBILITY ALONE.

FIFTH, THE PRIMIN CONDEMNED THE TREATMENT OF LESOTHO CITIZENS RESIDENT OR VISITING IN SOUTH AFRICA -- WIVES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS EMPLOYED IN MIGRATORY LABOR SYSTEM, WAGES OF BASOTHO EMPLOYED IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE CALCULATED ON SCALES OF APARTHEID. WHITE CITIZENS OF LESOTHO ARE TREATED IN A PRIVILEGED FASHION AT THE BORDER BUT THE REST SUFFER HARASSMENT AT THE BORDER POSTS AND ARE SUBJECTED TO APARTHEID.

SIXTH, REFERRING TO TWENTY-THREE PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED IN SOUTH AFRICAN DETENTION DURING THE PAST TWENTY MONTHS, THE DEATH OF STEVE BIKO AND THE RECENT WAVE OF BANNING ORDERS, DETENTIONS AND HOUSE ARRESTS, PRIMIN SAID THAT BASOTHO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO LANGUISH IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HE CITED EXAMPLES.

SEVENTH, OVER FORTY-FIVE PERCENT OF LESOTHO'S LABOR FORCE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPLOYED IN SOUTH AFRICA, A SITUATION WHICH POSES THE GRAVEST THREAT TO LESOTHO'S STABILITY. GOL IS EXAMINING ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR ABSORBING SOME OF THIS LABOR FORCE IN EMPLOYMENT IN LESOTHO. SOUTH AFRICA, HE NOTED, CAN RETURN THIS LABOR FORCE AT ANY TIME

AS THEY DID IN 1974. HE SAID LESOTHO HOPES FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT INCLUDING THAT OF EEC IN BROADENING THE BASE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN LESOTHO.

EIGHTH, SOUTH AFRICA SOME MONTHS AGO WITHDREW THE SUBSIDY ON GRAIN AND GRAIN PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO LESOTHO FROM SOUTH AFRICA. LESOTHO IS ATTEMPTING TO MOVE TOWARDS REDUCING ITS DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA FOR FOOD AND HAS ASKED ITS FRIENDS INCLUDING EEC TO PROVIDE "STOCKS OF FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS "WHILE LESOTHO SPEEDS UP ITS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

NINTH, NOTING THE "DISCERNIBLE TREND" IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE CONTINUING OPPRESSION OF AFRICAN MAJORITIES BY WHITE MINORITIES, THE PRIMIN REFERRED TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE US/UK PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA AND THE RECENT UNSC RESOLUTION EMBARGOING ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR CHANGE HAS AMOUNTED TO NO MORE THAN SUPERFICIALITIES. THE TREND TOWARDS SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA INCREASES AND HE REMINDED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT IT HAS A DUTY TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS LESOTHO WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY BE AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

5. COMMENT: PRIMIN OBVIOUSLY MADE BORADEST POSSIBLE USE OF APC/EEC FORUM FOR FULL PRESENTATION OF LESOTHO POSITION ON SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION. CENTRAL POINT OF GOL POLICIES ON SOUTH AFRICA -- TOTAL OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND ALL OF ITS PRACTICES AND INSTITUTIONS -- IS CLEARLY RESTATED. PRIMIN MAKES CLEAR AGAIN LESOTHO'S INTENTION TO SEEK SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON POLICY ISSUES, E.G. QUESTION OF LANDS LOST TO SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL AS CONTINUING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IN FACE OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES GENERATED BY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THOUGH DIVERGING IN LARGE PART FROM IMMEDIATE BUSINESS AT HAND, UNCLASSIFIED

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